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In 19__ I remember I was nine years old
tanks were making their way
through the main street
I remember my father and mother
kicked out of work
I remember my father’s
apartment being taken away because
he was kicked out of his job because
I remember being chased by cops
and my teachers being beat up every day
I remember massacres on TV
I remember refugees coming
to our grandfather’s house
their houses burned
I remember my grandfather
told me once: “never trust”
I try to forget but memories keep
bringing that quote back
all these memories people think
can go away just like
in Men in Black by a flashing device
I cannot forget
and if you ask me I wish I had
better memories but it wasn’t my choice